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Briefs

Annual AER Fund Campaign through April 30

The Army Emergency Relief Fund Campaign continues through April 30. See your unit's project officer to donate.

Bldg. 367 closed tomorrow

The Gen. Vogel Processing Center, Bldg. 367, will be closed to the public on April 12. All activities within the building will be supporting the annual Soldier Readiness Program processing from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Normal service will resume on Monday.

Water outage at Watkins Terrace, April 13

Residents of the Watkins Terrace housing area are advised there will be a water outage for the entire Watkins Terrace housing area on April 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Race For The Cure, April 13

Although the team registration deadline has passed, you can still be part of FSH's Coalition for the Cure. Register individually at the Roadrunner Community Center, H.E.B. stores or shopping malls and then join the FSH Coalition at 6 a.m. at the Roadrunner for a carpool rally. Those who choose to go directly to the Alamodome can meet the team at the Coalition for the Cure Banner rally point adjacent to the race start on Cherry and Durango streets.

Army Medical Specialist Corps 55th Anniversary, April 16

A ceremony commemorating the 55th anniversary of the Army Medical Specialist Corps will be held at Blesse Auditorium April 16 at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served following ceremony.

Fort Sam golf season starts April 16

The Fort Sam Houston Intramural Golf Season will begin April 16.

All active duty military, family members and Department of Defense civilians and contractors are welcome to join.

For more information on the golf season call Brett Niles at 221-2301 or email him at nilesb@samhou.5tharmy.Army.mil. Or call Earl Young at 221-1180 or e-mail him at Earl.Young@cen.amedd.Army.mil.

SJA closed, April 18

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close at noon on April 18 for annual spring clean up.

Any questions, please call OSJA, 221-0484.

End of Month Retirement, April 19

A consolidated end of month retirement ceremony will be held April 19 at 7:45 a.m. at MacArthur Field, corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley roads. The public is invited.

Fort Sam Houston ISD Board Meeting, April 30

The Fort Sam Houston ISD Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting on April 30, 11 a.m., at the Fort Sam Houston ISD Professional Development Center, 1908 Winans Road.



Photo by Esther Garcia

Fiesta's Military Ambassadors introduced

▲The Military-Civilian Club of San Antonio introduced the military's Fiesta ambassadors at a Stilwell House reception on April 3. Left to right are: Kim Neubauer, DeeAnn Simpson, Marcia Carlson, Karen Crane, and Fort Sam Houston ambassadors, Staff Sgt. Lorena Lewis, NCO Academy instructor and Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Bright, 187th Medical Battalion drill sergeant. The Military-Civilian Club sponsors the military ambassadors and will coordinate their participation in more than 60 Fiesta activities.

Fort Sam Houston Fiesta

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Fort Sam Houston Fiesta schedule

Noon	Respite Care Mini-Grand Prix Race (food, children's games)
1 p.m.	Fiesta Carnival opens (games, food, entertainment)
4:30 p.m.	Golden Knights Parachute Demonstration
5 p.m.	U.S. Army Drill Team
5:30 p.m.	Retreat by the Old Guard Fife & Drum Corps
6 p.m.	Fiesta Royalty Arrives for Military Parade
7 p.m.	1st Cavalry Horse Detachment Demonstration
8 p.m.	82nd Airborne Chorus Performance
8:30 p.m.	323rd Army Country Band Concert
9 p.m.	Spectacular Fireworks Display

Bush sends Powell to Middle East

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

President Bush is sending Secretary of State Colin Powell to the Middle East to work toward ending the violence between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

"The world finds itself at a critical moment," the president said at the White House this morning. "This is a conflict that can widen or an opportunity we can seize."

Bush said Powell will go to the region this week and work to implement U.N. Resolution 1402, which calls for an immediate cease-fire; the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Palestinian cities, including Ramallah; and the implementation of the already approved Tenet and Mitchell plans, which will lead to a political settlement.

"We have no illusions about the difficulty of the issues that lie ahead," Bush said. "Yet, our nation's resolve is strong. America is committed to ending this conflict and beginning an era of peace."

The United States is on record as supporting the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people for a Palestinian state. "The outlines of a just settlement are clear: two states, Israel and Palestine, living side-by-side in peace and security," he noted.

What could be a time for hope calls for leadership, not terror, he stressed.



Powell

Knowledge Warriors' amass at symposium

By Patrick A. Swan
Army News Service

More than 500 war fighters, functional experts and information technology professionals - dubbed "knowledge warriors" by the Army's chief information officer - massed forces April 1-4 for the second annual Knowledge Symposium in Kansas City, Mo.

The symposium covered a wide range of issues, including how to use knowledge concepts when designing systems and tools necessary in the Objective Force environment, said Col. Jane Maliszewski, lead symposium organizer. Some of the nation's top Knowledge Management professionals

Fifth Army deputy commanding general promoted

By Master Sgt. Don Thomas
Special to the News Leader

Brig. Gen. Walter A. Paulson II, Fifth Army Deputy Commanding General (East) was promoted to major general in a ceremony inside the Quadrangle, April 4.

Host for the ceremony was Fifth Army Commanding General Lt. Gen. Freddy E. McFarren. McFarren, who pinned on Paulson's new rank along with Paulson's wife Terry, said it was a pleasure to promote "a great patriot who enjoys the profession."

Paulson began his military career when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve, upon graduation from the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Central Arkansas in May 1970. Throughout his career, he served in a variety of command and staff assignments in both the Active Army and National Guard. Paulson served as commander for 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry and 39th Support Battalion. Paulson commanded

the 39th Infantry Brigade (Separate) from November 1996 until June 2000. Paulson most recently served as the Deputy STARC Commander for the Arkansas Army National Guard. Paulson received federal recognition as a Brigadier General of the Line, Sept. 8, 1998. He assumed the duties of Deputy Commanding General (East), Fifth U.S. Army, January 4, 2001.

Paulson called his promotion "an important, thrilling personal moment." Paulson, an attorney in civilian life, is an Omaha, Neb. native, who now lives in New Orleans, where he is employed by the Entergy Corporation as Associate General Counsel.

"It's a fun day for us to be able to promote this great officer and fun person," said McFarren, who praised Paulson's work with the Reserve Component forces. "I couldn't do anything without thanking the Reserve Component for their help," said McFarren, whose command supports more than 200,000 Reserve Component soldiers.



Photo by Ed Dixon

▲ Maj. Gen. Walter Paulson II, Fifth Army Deputy Commanding General (East) gets his second star pinned on by Fifth Army Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Freddy McFarren, and Paulson's wife, Terry, in a ceremony at Fifth Army Headquarters, April 4.

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Knowledge sharing symposium deemed great success

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shared lessons learned on how their companies have used KM to improve performance and dramatically increase their competitive edge, she said.

The symposium was sponsored by the Army's CIO/G-6, Lt. Gen. Peter CuvIELLO, along with the Center for Army Lessons Learned and the Association of the United States Army.

"Next to building the objective force, information superiority is our Army's next highest priority," said CuvIELLO in his welcoming address. "Knowledge management is not about centralizing authority. It may start from the top, but we execute it from anywhere in the Army. We must all be on board to make this work. The Army, run as an enterprise, is our mission focus."

Sgt. 1st Class Gerald C. Ecker said he found useful the knowledge-sharing theories and philosophies discussed at the symposium.

"We need to grow leaders, who are deeply rooted in this knowledge culture," said Ecker, the medical NCO for "Project Warrior," in the Army Medical Department's lessons learned office at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

"We have the technology and we should exploit it," Ecker said. "I'm not a technical guy, but I understand we should use every resource at our disposal to win our nation's wars. When we leverage technology to spread knowledge, we can also save soldiers' lives on the battlefield. We have weapons for mass destruction; we should use knowledge sharing for mass potential. I believe in the 'train-

the-trainer' mentality: The more NCOs learn about knowledge management, the more credibility - and usefulness — this concept will have."

"This is all about sharing knowledge so soldiers can do their jobs better," said Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett of the Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "Soldiers want to know what's going on. They don't want to reinvent the wheel to address problems that someone else has already solved."

In an effort to help soldiers share knowledge more effectively, Col. Robert Coxe, the Army's chief technical officer, CIO/G-6, unveiled the new Enterprise Collaboration Center for the Army Portal - www.us.army.mil.

"ECC is now operational," he said. "Soldiers staffing a requirement or issue can now post documents to a dedicated site on Army Knowledge Online, rather than send huge files to numerous addresses via e-mail. This will unclog the e-mail pipelines, so to speak, and allow soldiers to set up their own collaborative groups based on mission need rather than organizational structure."

John Garstka, the assistant director for Concepts and Operations at the DoD Office for Force Transformation, briefed attendees on strategies for leveraging a knowledge advantage in network-centric operations.

"Technology is enabling us to be a transformed, network-centric force operating in the three domains of warfare," Garstke said. Those domains are physical, informational and cognitive.

"Our soldiers and equipment operate in the physical domain," Garstke said. "The information they need for battle is created, manipulated, and shared in the informational domain. But, to succeed in network-centric warfare, we must transform our operations into the cognitive domain, where our force has the capability to develop and share high-quality situational awareness. Through the cognitive domain, we must give our force the ability to develop a shared knowledge of commanders' intent and the capability to self-synchronize its operations."

In his keynote dinner address April 2, retired Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan praised attendees as moving in the right direction.

"You are applying knowledge management to real tasks completed by real people," said Sullivan, a former Army chief of staff and current president of AUSA. "You are using knowledge to develop a common base of understanding. This allows you to move knowledge around so you can share lessons learned through the Army. This ultimately allows you to successfully fight and win our nation's wars."

Following Sullivan's remarks, CuvIELLO presented the first "Army Knowledge" awards to nine representatives from various Army activities. Army Knowledge awards covered the following categories: best business practice; best electronic Army initiative; best community of practice; best e-learning initiative; best transformation innovation; most innovative knowledge management initiative; and best overall knowledge management program.

First 'Army Knowledge' award winners list

Best Practices Award: Col. Michael Thompson, assistant deputy chief of staff for Information Management, U.S. Army Europe, accepted the award for USAREUR's "UPUBS" initiative, an automated, web-based publications system.

Lynn Schnurr, SIES, Army G-2 and Robert Fecteau, CIO for Intelligence and Security Command, accepted a second "Best Practice" award for "ASID," a web-enabled database designed as the authoritative information technology repository for collection and dissemination of IT asset and infrastructure information among Army intelligence units, sites, and supported commands.

Best Army Initiative Award: Tommy Smith, Plans, Requirements, and Architecture Division, G-6, Forces Command, accepted this award for "FINLOG" - a webified application that consolidates financial information in a single relational database environment.

Best Community of Practice Award: Brig. Gen. Daniel Wright, commander of the Army Legal Services in Arlington, Va., and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sharon Swartworth, accepted the award on behalf of the Office of the Judge Advocate General for "JAGCnet." This community of practice permits secure real-time global collaboration among legal professionals who use a common set references and knowledge-sharing tools.

Best Learning Initiative Award: Lt. Col. Chauncey Dockins, project manager and Maureen Lischke CIO, National Guard Bureau, accepted the award for NGB's Distributive Training Technology Project. DTTP is a state of the art, technology-enhanced training and information delivery system designed to improve military readiness,

enhance command, control, communications, and computers, and promote the sharing of technology assets with other military, federal, state, and local agencies, academia, and the private sector

Best Transformation Initiative Award: Lt. Col. Carl Hunt, commander of the Criminal Investigation Command's Crime Investigative Unit, accepted the award on behalf of CID for Distributed Based Logistics, a research initiative involving innovative modeling and simulation support to Information Assurance and Logistics Security for enhancement of Force Protection. Dana Ulery, chief of the Knowledge Management Center, Army Research Laboratory, also accepted a Best Transformation Initiative award on behalf of Army Material Command's "ARL Rainbow Ecosystems Model." This model integrates automated system of intelligence portals, military business transaction applications, knowledge discovery tools, and a foundational enterprise knowledge warehouse.

Most Innovative Knowledge Management Initiative Award: Majors Nathaniel Allen, Anthony Burgess, Pete Kilner, Christopher Tatarka, Tribus, Steve Schweitzer, Matthew Michaelson, and Capt. Chris Engen, members of CompanyCommand.com, an online web site designed by and for Company Commanders past, present, and future, accepted this award.

Best Overall Knowledge Management Initiative Award: Col. Harrison Hassell, chief of the Center for Healthcare Education & Studies, Army Medical Center Department and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, accepted the award on behalf of Army Medical Command. MEDCOM's "Knowledge Management" initiative combines a strategic imperative of people, processes, and technology with a vision to integrate and improve health care delivery.

Powell seeks long-term security, peace in Mid-East

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"For seven days, (Israel) has acted to root out terrorist nests," Bush said. "The United States recognizes Israel's right to defend itself from terror."

He noted, however, "Israel should also show ... a respect for and concern about the dignity of the Palestinian people who are and will be their neighbors. It is crucial to distinguish between the terrorists and ordinary Palestinians seeking to provide for their own families."

The president called on the Israeli government to stop settlement activity in occupied territories and to withdraw its troops to secure and recognize boundaries consistent with U.N.

Resolutions 242 and 338.

"I speak as a committed friend of Israel," Bush said. "I speak out of concern for its long-term security, a security that will come with a genuine peace. As Israel steps back, responsible Palestinian leaders and Israel's Arab neighbors must step forward and show the world that they are truly on the side of peace."

"The world expects an immediate cease-fire, immediate resumption of security cooperation with Israel against terrorism, an immediate order to crack down on terrorist networks," Bush continued. "I expect better leadership, and I expect results."

Although Palestinian leader

Yasser Arafat has renounced terror and agreed to control it, Bush said, he "has not consistently opposed or confronted terrorists."

Arafat, chairman of the Palestinian Authority, has betrayed the hopes of his people, and as a result, "the Israeli government feels it must strike at terrorist networks that are killing its citizens."

The president called on the Palestinian authority and all governments in the region to do everything in their power to stop terrorist activities and disrupt terrorist financing. He also asked that they "stop inciting violence by glorifying terror in state-owned media, or telling suicide

bombers they are martyrs. They're not martyrs. They're murderers and they undermine the cause of the Palestinian people."

The United States, he said, mourns the dead and the damage the crisis has done to the Israeli desire for a peaceful Jewish state and the Palestinians' desire for an independent state.

"When an 18-year-old Palestinian girl is induced to blow herself up, and in the process kills a 17-year-old Israeli girl, the future itself is dying — the future of the Palestinian people and the future of the Israeli people," the president said.

"Those governments, like

Iraq, that reward parents for the sacrifice of their children are guilty of soliciting murder of the worst kind," he said. "All who care about the Palestinian people should join in condemning and acting against groups like Al Aqsa, Hezbollah, Hamas, Islamic Jihad and all groups which opposed the peace process and seek the destruction of Israel."

Bush called on the Arab world to deliver a message to the terrorists: "Blowing yourself up does not help the Palestinian cause. To the contrary, suicide bombing missions could well blow up the best and only hope for a Palestinian state."



Fort Sam Houston hosts a *Grand Celebration ... Fiesta 2002*



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Country fair - food and live entertainment

From 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the field adjacent to MacArthur Pavilion, the Country Fair will feature military equipment displays, live entertainment, kiddie carnival, games, food, and drink booths. Continuous live entertainment will include Scottish Dancers, the Ivy League School of Dance, Jump Rope Team from Millers Point, Texas Twisters, an exhibition line dance, the Roosevelt Patriots, Los Inocentes, and Las Enrendiras, a female mariachi group.

Respite Care of San Antonio 500 Mini Grand Prix

At noon this event will feature mini-Indy style racecars testing the skill and fortitude of drivers in an oval shaped track lined with hay bales. The race will take place in the parking lot in front of the Old Brooke Army Medical Center. The event begins at 12:00 p.m. with celebrity races, followed by the big race at 1 p.m.

Elite Army ceremonial units provide military pageantry

At 4:30 p.m. the Golden Knights Army Parachute Team, famous for their aerial

acrobatics and precision landing, will begin the program. From Fort Myer, Virginia and adding their own precision and pageantry to the ceremony, is the Army's elite U.S. Army Drill Team, known for their spectacular rifle toss routines, the Fife and Drum Corps, dressed in colonial-style period and the only unit of its kind in any of the Armed Forces and, the Continental Color Guard, which traces its heritage to the early days of this nation. Their uniforms are replicas of those worn by the Infantry in 1784.

Fiesta Salute

At 6:00 p.m., with the arrival of the Fiesta Royalty, over 300 Fort Sam Houston soldiers, dressed in battle dress uniform, with pistol belts and canteens, will march in the traditional pass in review of troops to compete for the best marching unit.

Charge signals Cavalry demonstration

To the sound of the "charge", the First Cavalry House Detachment from Fort Hood, Texas, the last horse-mounted cavalry in the United States Army, will take center stage and conclude the activities on the parade field with a spectacular show.

82nd Airborne and 323rd Army Band

From 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. performances by the 82nd Airborne Chorus from Fort Bragg, N.C., a military organization composed of airborne soldiers representing every unit in the division, and the musical talents of Fort Sam Houston's very own 323rd Army Country Band will entertain the crowd.

Spectacular fireworks display finale

At 9:00 p.m. a magnificent fireworks exhibition at the south end of MacArthur Field will begin. Sponsored by Act II Microwave Popcorn, this fireworks exhibition traditionally attracts more than 10,000 spectators to Fort Sam Houston.



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Implementation of TRICARE Prime Remote for Active Duty family members rescheduled

A “waived charges” benefit for active duty Prime Remote family members will remain in effect until the September 2002 implementation of the new TRICARE Prime Remote For Active Duty Family Members program. The new benefit affects approximately 140,000 active duty sponsors and family members residing in TRICARE Prime Remote locations.

Authorized by the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, the program’s original implementation date of April 1, 2002 has been rescheduled.

“The interim ‘waived charges’ benefit, which is retroactive to October 30, 2000, waives cost shares, copayments and deductibles for active duty family members who accompany their sponsors on assignment to remote locations, and reside with those sponsors,” explains Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Robert Styron, TRICARE Prime Remote project manager, TRICARE Management Activity.



Active duty sponsors and family members who are eligible for, and have used this benefit, may receive reimbursement for care received since Oct. 30, 2000. For information about reimbursements, beneficiaries may contact their regional claims processor or TRICARE Information Center representative at 1-888-DOD-CARE (1-888-363-2273).

Once the benefit begins, enrollment of active duty family members will be voluntary. Enrollees will enjoy advantages similar to those of TRICARE Prime including: defined access standards, no co-payments, enhanced preventive care services, and reimbursement of travel expenses for medically necessary specialty care.

TRICARE Prime Remote

active duty family members will be required to enroll to a network provider if one is available. In TRICARE Prime Remote locations where network providers are not available, family members will be required to use the services of authorized TRICARE providers.

“When the interim waived charges benefit ends, and the new benefit for active duty family members begins, those choosing not to enroll can continue using the TRICARE Standard benefit. These family members will become responsible for paying TRICARE Standard cost shares and deductibles, just as they did before the interim benefit was provided,” said Styron.

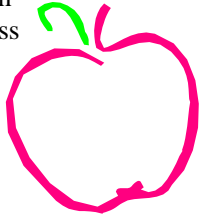
Active duty sponsors are encouraged to verify information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) for themselves and

their family members by contacting the nearest military identification (ID) card issuing facility. The nearest facility can be located on the Internet at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl, or by contacting a representative of the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office toll-free at 1-800-538-9552. They also may update their addresses in DEERS at the nearest ID card issuing facility or on the TRICARE web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress/>

Additional information on the TRICARE Prime Remote For Active Duty Family Members program and the waived charges benefit is available on the TRICARE web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/remoteforactive>. Active duty sponsors also may verify their TRICARE Prime Remote eligibility at this site.

Free nutrition classes offered at fitness center

Nutrition Classes will be offered in the Fitness Center for Your Health Office at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center April 8 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to noon, and on April 17 from 5 to 6 p.m. These classes are free and will be taught by Capt. Karin Davidson.



For more information:

Call Lucian at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

Soldier’s educational journey can inspire others

By Cecile Greszler
Special to the News Leader

Recently Sgt. 1st Class John Rogers, an Expert Training Systems evaluator at the Army Medical Department Center and School graduated from Webster University at Fort Sam Houston with an MBA degree. During his sixteen years in the Army he has earned an AA degree from Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas, and a Bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University at Fort Gordon, Ga. Rogers used all the education resources the Army had to offer to reach his educational goals. He is now more competitive for higher Army career goals and civilian job opportunities. His experience can be an example for other soldiers to emulate.

Even though his father was in the Air Force, Rogers did not initially take a military career path. Like many high school graduates, he worked full-time and attended community college part-time. He could see that the highest he could get in his civilian job would not take care of a family. Armed with 32 college credits and high scores on the ASVAB, he decided to “shop the recruiters” to see what each could offer him. The Army had the best offer, placing him in his choice as Preventative Medicine Specialist right away.

Upon enlistment, Rogers began to have contributions towards the GI Bill taken from his paycheck. A year and a half later, he began using his GI Bill to continue his education. He took classes a few at a time and changed his major twice as he became more aware of what he really wanted to do in a health care career. Eventually he had enough credits to obtain a Liberal Arts AA degree from Central Texas College.

When he was assigned to Fort Gordon, Ga., Rogers began to work on a Bachelor’s degree in Health Care Management through Southern Illinois University. The SIU staff evaluated his credits, applying as many as possible to the degree. He also took some CLEP exams for credit. Since Southern Illinois University is part of the Servicemembers Opportunity College system, Rogers signed a SOCAD agreement form along with his degree plan. After fulfilling the initial “residency” requirement (a certain percent of required courses taken from Southern Illinois University), he would be able to transfer credits from another SOCAD college or university back to Southern Illinois in case he PCSed before he finished the degree at Fort Gordon. And that is exactly what happened.

Rogers was assigned to Fort Sam Houston two classes and an internship short of all the



▲Sgt. 1st Class John Rogers, an Expert Training Systems evaluator at the Army Medical Department Center and School recently graduated from Webster University at Fort Sam Houston with an MBA degree.

credits needed for his degree from Southern Illinois University. SOCAD agreement and degree plan in hand, he went to the Army Continuing Education Center to find out how he could finish his degree. After talking to an Education Center counselor, he was referred to Wayland Baptist University. Course descriptions for two courses at Wayland similar to the ones he needed were deemed comparable, and he enrolled. Rogers then went to BAMC’s administrators and proposed his idea for an internship at the hospital. They were glad to have his help and gave him projects in two different areas of health care management. The classes and internship were transferred back to Southern

Illinois University and his degree was granted.

Knowing that tuition assistance, up to \$3,500 each fiscal year (in addition to the GI Bill) is available to Active Duty military members, Rogers contemplated getting a Master’s degree while still in the Army. A year after getting his Bachelor’s degree, a friend and mentor who was enrolled in Webster University challenged and encouraged him to take the next step. Some of the BAMC administrators advised getting a MBA to enable Rogers to be more flexible in his career. He enrolled in Webster University’s MBA degree program at the Fort Sam campus.

Rogers was able to work full time and still work on his

Masters degree because of Webster’s flexible schedule aimed at working students. Classes are offered right on Fort Sam Houston. He used Tuition Assistance to pay for classes, until he had used the maximum. Then, the Army Education Center counselors helped him to delve into his GI Bill again to finish paying for them.

The events of September 11 caused Webster and other colleges to relocate their on-post classes. Active Duty students had to not only go off-post, but to prepare for the possibility of deployment. Fortunately, Webster would allow “directed study”, a self-study mechanism for continuing classes and taking exams at any Education Center wherever a soldier is deployed. Rogers was not deployed after all and was able to finish his degree here.

Maintaining the motivation to continue his education was difficult at times, but friends, and his spouse, Shannon, constantly encouraged him. Having a degree plan kept him on track. According to Rogers, the Army Continuing Education Center counselors were flexible, courteous and professional in their advice and help. “It was a long and sometimes rocky road, but I am proud that I pursued my higher education through the U. S. Army Continuing Education System,” said Rogers.

Fort Sam mentors receive Mentor of the Year awards

By Nancy Moore
Special to the News Leader

Two Fort Sam Houston mentors, Mary Lloyd and Anthony Logan, received the Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award at the annual recognition lunch sponsored by the San Antonio Area Mentorship Association, recently.

Mary Lloyd, from the Safety Office, Camp Bullis Training Site, was recognized for five years of mentorship at Leon Springs Elementary School. Anna Gould, school counselor noted, “Mary’s outstanding character traits include enthusiasm in all that she does...and she is well respected in the school community for her dedication and goal to instill good self-confidence and good citizenship for her mentees.”

Kim, the fourth grader who Mary mentors was accompanied by her grandparents and said. “Mary Lloyd is a great mentor. Being that she is in the military, she has taught me a lot. I am

inspired by Mary’s experiences in the military. Someday I want to go to Boot Camp. Wow! She even knows how to fly helicopters. I know that I’m doing better in school because of her.”

Anthony Logan, Civilian Work Year manager, Resource Management Office, Medical Command, received an Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award for his ten-year association with students at Tynan

Elementary School. The school’s counselor cited Logan for his current mentorship of Aaron, a fourth grader who comes from a single parent household. “Mr. Logan has been a father figure and given Aaron fatherly advice on behavior issues. Aaron’s teacher reports great improvement in his class work and self-confidence. We are grateful for the efforts that Anthony Logan has put into working with Aaron to help him achieve the self-confidence to soar academically,” said the counselor.

Fort Sam Houston Mentors continue to make a difference in children’s lives.

More volunteers are always welcome and needed. Mentors work one hour a week, one-on-one with a student at their school. Volunteers can select from 14 partnership schools and are matched with their mentee through application and a one-hour orientation. This command-sponsored program allows active duty military and DA Civilians to use 60-90 minutes of duty



Photo by Lucy Perez

▲Mary Lloyd, with her mentee, Kim, accepts the Outstanding Mentor of the Year award from Cary Clack, San Antonio Express-News Metro columnist and keynote speaker at the San Antonio Area Mentorship Association Annual Awards luncheon.

To join the mentor program:

Go to: The Fort Sam Houston Mentor Program office, in the Installation Chaplain’s office, Bldg. 2530.

Call: Iva Winslow or Nancy Moore, Mentor Coordinator at 221-5005 or 5007.

time (mission permitting) per week to be a mentor. For further information or to volunteer for the mentor program, contact

Nancy Moore, Fort Sam Houston Mentor Coordinator at 221-5005 or the Installation Chaplain’s Office, 221-5007.

Post worship schedule

Protestant

Sunday:

- 8 a.m. Service, AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Bldg. 1398
- 9 a.m. Traditional Service, Installation Chaplain’s Office, Bldg.2530
- 9:15 a.m. Troop Service, Evans Auditorium, Bldg. 1396
- 10 a.m. Service, BAMC Chapel
- 10:45 a.m. Gospel Service, Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721
- 11 a.m. Service, AMEDD Regimental Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Gospel Service, Evans Auditorium
- 12:30 Spanish Service, AMEDD Regimental Chapel

Wednesday:

- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. PWOC meeting, Dodd Field Chapel (Childcare is provided for those who attend PWOC meeting).
- 12 p.m. Bible Study, Dodd Field Chapel
- 12 p.m. Service, BAMC Chapel

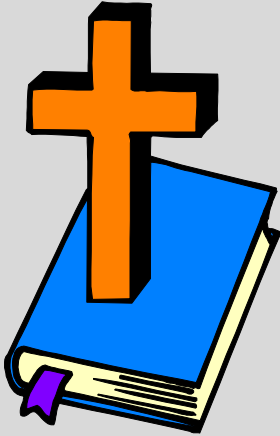
Catholic

Saturday:

- 5:30 p.m. Mass, AMEDD Regimental Chapel

Sunday:

- 8:30 a.m. Mass, BAMC Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Mass, Dodd Field Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Mass, AMEDD Regimental Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Mass, BAMC Chapel
- *12:45 p.m. Mass, Dodd Field Chapel
- *Bilingual Mass on 1st Sunday of the month (For information call 590- 6593).



Weekdays:

- 11 a.m. Mass, BAMC Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Mass, AMEDD Regimental Chapel

1st Friday:

- 9 a.m. Mass Catholic Women, Dodd Field Chapel

Jewish

Friday:

- 8 p.m. Service, Dodd Field Chapel
- 8:30 p.m. Oneg Shabbat, Dodd Field Chapel (For information call 379-8666 or 493-6660)

Mormon

Sunday:

- 10:30 a.m. Bldg. 1350, Room 1, Koehler Road, across from Evans Auditorium

Wednesday:

- 7 p.m. LDS Studies, Bldg. 1350, Room 1

Muslim

Sunday:

- 10:30 a.m. Religious Education, Bldg. 607A, Infantry Post

Friday:

- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Prayer Service, Bldg. 607A, Infantry Post

Thursday:

- 8 p.m. Adult Religious Education, Bldg. 607A, Infantry Post

Note: The Post Gift Chapel is closed for renovations indefinitely.
Chaplain Administrative Offices are located at Dodd Field Chapel, Bldg. 1721, phone number 221-5432. Garrison staff duty officer, (after duty) 221-2810.

Main Tax Assistance Center

Hours of operation
Monday - Friday , 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday,10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Satellite locations are available:

Center Brigade Headquarters, Bldg. 902

Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sign-in, Monday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Brooke Army Medical Center

Rooms 513-14 and 513-15

Tuesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sign-in Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Federal Income Tax deadline fast approaching

By Capt. David J. O'Mahony
Staff Judge Advocate

The Fort Sam Houston Tax Assistance Center will close its doors to the general public on April 25. On that day, the Tax Assistance Center will cease its normal operations after helping more than 3,500 soldiers, retirees, and family members file their federal and state income tax returns. Thus far, approximately 3.5 million dollars has been returned to the community with the help of the staff assigned to the Tax Assistance Center.

In addition to the main offices located in Bldg. 258, corner of Wilson and Liscum, the program was expanded to include satellite offices at Center Brigade Headquarters, Bldg. 902, open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the Brooke Army Medical Center, Rooms 513-14 and 513-15, open on Tuesdays and Fridays

from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. While the satellite offices will close on April 15, the hours of operation in Bldg. 258 have been expanded and taxpayers will be able to get assistance there each day, up to and including April 25.

Those taxpayers who have not yet filed their federal income tax returns can still get help, since the Tax Assistance Center will continue to electronically prepare and file tax returns until 6 p.m. on Monday, April 15. The TAC is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. After April 25, tax assistance can be obtained from the Fort Sam Houston Legal Assistance Office, phone number 221-2282, during normal operating hours.

If you have not yet filed your tax return, you should take care not to confuse the Tax Assistance Center closing date (April 25) with April 15, since April 15 is the filing

deadline for most people. Unless a taxpayer qualifies for an extension, his or her tax return must be properly addressed and postmarked (or filed electronically) by the due date in order to be considered timely filed. If a taxpayer owes money and files late without getting an extension, the taxpayer must pay an "interest penalty" on the amount owing (at a rate of 7 percent per year, compounded daily), along with a "late filing penalty" of at least 5percent per month. Taxpayers may avoid paying the "late filing penalty" if they qualify for one of the extensions outlined below.

Overseas Extension: Military personnel on duty outside the United States or Puerto Rico on April 15 are allowed an "Overseas Extension" of two months (until June 15) to file and pay federal income tax. Married couples filing a joint return qualify for the extension even if one

spouse remained inside the United States, as long as the other spouse was overseas on April 15.

To enjoy the benefit of the extension, the soldier or DOD Civilian simply attaches a statement to the return outlining the circumstances that qualify him or her for the extension. Taxpayers who are entitled to a refund are not penalized for filing late, except to the extent that they are not entitled to any interest from the government and they can only file returns retroactively for the previous three years. Conversely, taxpayers who owe money to the government, even those who are entitled to the "Overseas Extension," must calculate and pay interest on the money they owe (starting with April 16) and the government retains the right to pursue fraudulent taxpayers for returns spanning previous seven years.

Automatic Extension: If you do not

qualify for the "Overseas Extension," all filers can still apply for the "automatic" four-month extension and postpone filing until August 15 by filing Form 4868. Form 4868 may be filed through the postal service or electronically and taxpayers are not bound to subsequently file their returns in the same manner they filed Form 4868. The IRS must accept a taxpayer's Form 4868 application, unless the IRS determines the taxpayer did not make a "reasonable effort" to determine their tax liability.

As with the "Overseas Extension," the "Automatic Extension" is an extension on the time the taxpayer has to file, not an extension of time to pay. If you owe money, the government will charge you interest for filing late even if you have an extension. If you are contemplating filing for an extension because you think you cannot immediately pay the amount you

owe the government, there are other ways to finance such debt (i.e., personal loans or credit cards) or you might consider working out a payment plan with the IRS directly by calling 1 (800) 829-1040.

Additional Extensions: To qualify for an "Additional Extension," you must file Form 2688 (a form which can only be mailed) and demonstrate that you have a good reason for your request. If your application is accepted, your filing deadline is extended until October 15. One example of a good reason in applying for the extension is "illness," but as stated above, this is only a filing extension and not an extension of time to repay money you owe the government.

CZ and QHDA Extensions: Failure to pay amounts due by April 15 will always result in an interest penalty, unless you are able to qualify for an extension because of your service in a

designated Combat Zone (CZ) or Qualified Hazardous Duty Area (QHDA). Soldiers who have served in a CZ or QHDA (and their spouses) are entitled to an automatic 180-day filing extension (plus an extension equal to the amount of time served in the CZ or QHDA during the tax season). Moreover, these soldiers enjoy the added benefit of not being charged an interest penalty on any tax they might owe the government.

If you have any questions about what to do at the end of the tax season, feel free to call the Tax Center at 295-1040. If you are entitled to a refund, remember that the government is holding your money. We will be glad to assist you in recovering it. If you owe money to the government, you should take the obligation seriously and seek the assistance of the Fort Sam Houston Tax Center to determine exactly how much you owe. We'd be glad to help.

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Military-Civilian Club introduces military Fiesta ambassadors at Stilwell House reception



▲ Marsha Carlson and DeeAnn Simpson, Military-Civilian Club, welcome Col. Johnie Tilman, commander, Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute, to the reception in honor of the military ambassadors at the Stilwell House on April 3.

◀ With lights flashing and escorted by the Fort Sam Houston Military Police, Fiesta's 2002 54th El Rey Feo, Charles T. Barrett, arrives at the Stilwell House in Fiesta style.

Photos by: **Esther Garcia**

► Fort Sam Houston Military Ambassadors, Staff Sgt. Lorena Lewis, instructor for the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, and Staff Sgt. Matthew Bright, 187th Medical Battalion drill sergeant, take time out to pose with San Antonio Queen of Soul for 2002, Tyronda Leake, at the Stilwell House during the military ambassador reception.



▲Left to right, Elysiana Judith Cantu, Queen of the San Antonio Charro Association, Anne Elise Susen, San Antonio Women's Club Fiesta Teen Queen, and Katie Conway, Fiesta Teen Princess, were among the Fiesta royalty attending the reception.

►Col. Frank Blakely, chief of staff, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, welcomes everyone to the Stilwell House saying there is no better place to celebrate the truly historical ties between the Army and San Antonio communities.





Photo by Esther Garcia

▲During a ceremony at the City Council Chamber, San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza presented Mattie Wagner the U.S. flag that was flown over the Washington DC Capitol. This flag was flown for one month over the capitol after the Sept. 11th in honor of her daughter, Lt. Colonel Karen Wagner, who was killed during the terrorist attack at the Pentagon.

PX hosts annual pet parade, April 13

The Fort Sam Houston Pxtra will celebrate families and pets with contests and amazing canine demonstrations from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Special guests will be SPCA Pet Adoption, Animal Defense League, Greyhound Rescue Society, and Fort Sam Houston Veterinary services.



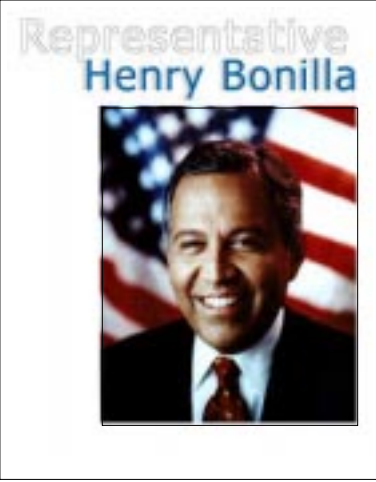
Courtesy photo

Prizes will be awarded for the biggest, smallest, look-a-like, most unique, best costume, and best trick at the pet contest, beginning at noon. There will be plenty of activities for children such as face and finger painting, fishing ponds, pony rides, and visits with costume characters.

Register for door prizes and stop by the art show exhibits of the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School pet coloring contest.

A taxing time of the year

By U.S. Representative
Henry Bonilla
Texas 23rd Congressional
District



Many of you are no doubt reading this column at the breakfast table, juggling the morning paper, cup of coffee, and cereal as you try to get off to work. If your son or daughter was to ask why you go to work, you would probably say something like, “to buy groceries, buy your clothes, and pay the bills.”

Fair enough. But in the coming week, we’ll be staring down the biggest bill of all: the federal income tax. It’s a bill that costs the average American more than food, clothing, and shelter combined. The first two hours of every workday is spent making enough money to pay for your slices of the government’s tax revenue pie.

Spring should be the time of year when we take stock and focus our attention on the year ahead. But for most of us, Spring is the season of headaches and frustration as we crunch and re-crunch numbers while

filling out those dreaded IRS forms before the April 15th deadline. Instead of spending time with our families, we are stuck trying to figure out the federal tax code.

As you finish filling out your tax forms and write yet another check to the IRS, here are some facts to help put in perspective the amount of time and money that is taken from us each year to pay our taxes.

- Americans pay more in taxes than for food, clothing and shelter combined.
- The IRS sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions every year. Laid end to end, they would circle the globe 28 times.
- Taxes eat up over 38 percent of the average family’s income.
- The average American

worked until May 7 last year just to pay his or her share of federal, state and local taxes. That’s the first 128 days of your year.

- This year nearly 60 percent of Americans will be forced to pay a tax professional to help them with their taxes.
- Almost the entire second income of a two-income family goes to pay taxes.
- Instructions for the 1040EZ, the easiest personal income tax form, are 33 pages long.

These are just a few reasons why this Congress worked so hard last year to reduce your tax burden. We made great strides, but we still have a long way to go. I feel confident that with your support and President George W. Bush’s assistance, we will solve the tax trouble — once and for all.

Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard-earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code. You deserve to keep more of what you earn so you can do more for your families, churches and communities. After all, it is your money.

AFTB announces spring schedule

Mark your calendars now for Army Family Team Building spring scheduled classes. Fort Sam Houston AFTB instructors and master trainers are offering Level II classes in April. If you are not departing this summer, we’ll be recruiting new instructors and you can join the team.

Sign up for one or more classes from the following schedule:

Level II Classes
April 16
Adapting to Change
Stress Management
Intermediate Problem Solving

April 17
Networking w/Community Agencies
Building a Resource Library
Family Support Groups

April 18
Military Grade and Command Structure
Traditions, Customs, Courtesies & Protocol
Benefits, Entitlements, and Compensation

Note: All classes will be held at the Roadrunner Community Center. For information or to register, call 221-2705.

Blood donations needed

Blood donations are needed year round. Soldiers involved in Operation Enduring Freedom are counting on us to be there for them.

If you make a fist now, we will give you a hand later. It is important to keep a steady flow of blood donors donating on a regular basis.

To donate blood now, call the Akeroyd Blood Donor Center at 295-4655 or 295-4989.



Career Clips

The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP office, Bldg. 2264 or call 221-1213.

Medical Disposable Sales Rep. San Antonio/Austin. An emerging leader of a variety of medical disposable is seeking a representative to call on a hospital O.R's, Infection Control, Sterile Supply, Purchasing and Central Supply. Requires documentation of excellent sales success.

Marketing Communications Associate. San Antonio. Write copy and gather research for newsletters, speeches, presentations, brochures and Web copy. Prepare Senior Management Presentations on a variety of subjects, and Manage projects and work with vendors on various communications projects for branch systems.

Administrative Assistant. San Antonio. Performs a combination of recurring office procedures independently to support office, business, or administrative operations. Operate a single-position telephone switchboard or console for telephone calls, and manages incoming and outgoing mail and distribution.

Certified Pharmacy Technician. San Antonio. Reviews and enters prescription information in the computer system. May also assist the pharmacist with prescription and/or Caremark's therapeutic intervention program.



Post Thrift Shop looking for a few good volunteers

The Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments accepted from 9 a.m. to noon. Donations are always welcome and may be dropped off at the dock during regular business hours and in our donation shed at any time.

The Thrift Shop is looking for a few good women or men to volunteer a few hours or days a week. Our regular hours are 9 a.m.

until 2 p.m., Wednesdays, Thursdays and the second Saturday of the month.

To volunteer all you need is a smile, a little of your time and an ID card. Make new friends and see the new consignment merchandise before it is placed on the racks. Feel the satisfaction of giving back to the Fort Sam community. For information call Peggy or Teresa at 225-4682 during business hours.

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Weekly Campus Activities

April 15-20, 2002

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Monday, April 15

Progress Reports Sent Home this Week
TAAS Pep Rally-50's Day

Tuesday, April 16

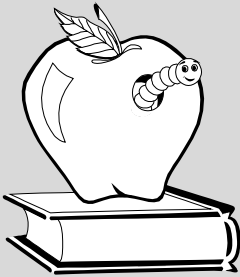
TAAS: Math Grades 3-6
SDAA: Math Grades 3-6
Encouraging Your Child-Room 46 (Sponsored by PTO)

Wednesday, April 17

TAAS: Reading Grades 3-6
SDAA: Reading Grades 3-6

Friday, April 19

Field Day Grades K-4
Rooms 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 24, 59, and 60 from 9-11 a.m.
Rooms 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 49, 50, 51, and 52 from noon-2 p.m.



Robert G. Cole Jr./Sr. High School Monday, April 15

Begin Sixth Six Weeks

Tuesday, April 16

TAAS: Math Grades 7 and 8-TBA
SDAA: Math Grades 7 and 8-TBA
Baseball vs Randolph at Cole-4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

TAAS: Reading Grades 7 and 8-TBA
SDAA: Reading Grades 7 and 8-TBA
Marble Club Meeting in Room A-21-3:10 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

TAAS: Social Studies Grade 8-TBA

Friday, April 19

TAAS: Science Grade 8-TBA
UIL Literary Writing-TBA
Baseball vs Flatonia-6 p.m.
Regional Qualifiers Track Meet-TBA
Saturday, April 20
Regional Qualifiers Track Meet-TBA

Army Medical Specialist Corps celebrates 55th anniversary

Capt. Kerry Davidson, Special to the News Leader

To some, pride may be just another word or Army acronym, to Col. Rebecca Hooper, the 15th Chief of the Army Medical Specialist Corps, pride is “the feeling I get every time I see the work being done by each lieutenant, sergeant, and federal civilian employee in my inventory. It is the feeling I have representing the officers, enlisted soldiers and civilians in the Army Medical Specialist Corps.” Pride effectively outlines the chief’s priorities for her Corps: productivity, resourcefulness, integrity, development and enthusiasm.

The Army Medical Specialist Corps will celebrate its 55th anniversary April 16, with pride. The Corps has a long and proud history, having touched the lives of many while serving

in various wars and conflicts throughout the world. The AMSC is one of six Army Medical Corps established by Congress to serve under the direction of the Army Surgeon General. Today, it is composed of occupational therapists, physical therapists, dietitians, and physician assistants in active duty, reserve, and National Guard components.

When the U.S. declared war on Germany in April 1917, Maj. Gen. William Gorgas, the Army Surgeon General, sponsored an Executive Order authorizing the Civil Service Commission to employ physiotherapists (physical therapists), occupational therapists, and dietitians as civilians within the Army Medical Department for the duration of the War, and accompany hospitals for

overseas duty. They were paid according to the Civil Service Commission salary scale. As civilians, they were not entitled to protective wartime benefits equal to those of Army medical personnel with whom they served, such as war risk insurance, reduced railroad fares, bonuses or hospitalization in military hospitals following completion of tours of duty. When the War ended in 1918, they were discharged as their patients completed rehabilitation.

After the outbreak of World War II, the Army Surgeon General initially organized hospitals to support the British Armed Forces. Dietitians and physical therapists served in Europe, the Pacific, the Mediterranean and China-Burma-India. Occupational therapists

served in the U.S. (the Zone of the Interior). Dietitians and physical therapists served as civilian employees until 1943 when they were designated relative military rank for the duration of the War plus six months.

On June 22, 1944, Congress passed the Bolton Bill, the legislation providing commissioned status for dietitians, physical therapists and nurses in the Army. This legislation granted them the same allowances, rights, benefits and privileges as other commissioned officers. By August 1945, 1,580 dietitians, 1,300 physical therapists and 899 occupational therapists were on active duty.

After World War II, the Army personnel and Surgeon General staffs recommended the formation

of a single Regular Army Corps containing dietitians, physical therapists and occupational therapists, as well as a separate Army Nurse Corps.

On April 16, 1947, President Truman signed a Public Law establishing the Women’s Medical Specialist Corps and the Army Nurse Corps as part of the regular Army. The first war or conflict that dietitians, occupational therapists and physical therapists participated in as a Corps was the Korean Conflict. As the Corps evolved, male medical specialist corps officers were included in the Corps and therefore it was renamed the Army Medical Specialist Corps. The Corps went on to support combat efforts in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. The first Army Medical

Specialist Corps officers to be assigned in Vietnam arrived in the spring of 1966, thus supporting the Army medical mission to “conserve the fighting strength.”

The Corps continued to provide professional expertise during the 1970s and 1980s. Army efforts to improve physical conditioning of Army personnel required major contributions from each Corps specialty. The Department of the Army’s emphasis on unit combat readiness and physical fitness strongly influenced operations of the AMSC during this time period. Dietitians and physical therapists were assigned to troop fitness centers, and the Corps attached dietitians to combat divisions to provide nutritional support for line units.

During the early

1990s, the Corps provided support in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, preparing rations and providing patient nutrition intervention, rehabilitating injured personnel, and evaluating the success of methods and techniques developed to manage combat stress.

In 1991, Congress approved an amendment to create a Physician Assistant Section within the AMSC. Physician Assistants have provided first line medical care for soldiers and their family members in a variety of settings to include fixed medical facilities, field environments and Troop Medical Centers. Today, the entire Army Medical Specialist Corps continues its history of providing services to beneficiaries with pride.

Get ready for spring clean-up



Fort Sam Houston's post-wide spring clean-up begins next week

By Don Young
Special to the News Leader

Spring Clean-Up Week will be held here April 15 through 19, and residents are encouraged to take part in this annual event by sprucing up playgrounds, sidewalks, parking lots and common areas. Senior Residents in each housing area will be overseeing the projects.

The U-Do-It Store in Bldg. 4168 (across Wilson Street from the Commissary) has stocked up many items to issue to residents to simplify the task. Residents who have large, bulky items such as appliances, furniture, tree limbs, and non-household trash should place them at curbside in front of their quarters. Crews will be making daily runs through the housing areas to pick up these items. Residents should contact the Senior Resident in their area if they have questions.

The Roads and Grounds Shop in Bldg. 3882 has mounds of topsoil and mulch available for pick up and the U-Do-It Store will issue fertilizer, garden tools, plastic bags and limited amounts of sod. Power equipment is available at the U-Do-It Store for residents only who must present a self-help card to verify completion of the training course. If you need further information on item availability, contact the store at 221-4661.

Other equipment available at the store includes mowers, weed-eaters, tree and hedge trimmers, spreaders, hoes, rakes and shovels. Hoses and sprinklers are permanent issue items. Equipment loans are made for 24 hours, however, extensions may be granted based on backlog and availability of equipment. Plan to return borrowed items as soon as you've completed your project. People who abuse time limits could find their privileges restricted or revoked.

◀Willie Wilson, a materials handler at the U-Do-It Store adjusts informational pamphlets on self-help projects for occupants of post housing.

▼Hector Aguilar, U-Do-It Store supervisor, checks out a weed cutter returned by Staff Sgt. Jose Raymundo, B Company, 147 Medical Logistics Battalion. The U-Do-It Store has lawn and garden tools to include riding lawn mowers, regular lawn mowers, rakes and hoes.



▼The U-Do-It Store has a wide variety of indoor and outdoor items for post housing residents to maintain their homes such as air filters for the ventilation system like the ones material handler Sol Blocker is arranging.



▼Hector Aguilar, U-Do-It Store supervisor, performs a safety check on a riding lawn mower available to soldiers for taking care of unit areas on post. The store provides equipment for housing residents. Soldiers can also check out equipment to maintain their work areas.



Photos by:
Edward Rivera

U-Do-It Store
Hours

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Sunday: Closed

Monday - Friday:
9 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Saturday:
7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Phone: 221-4402

►Hector Aguilar, U-Do-It Store supervisor, demonstrates how to cut the mesh available for repairing broken window and door screens.



Plan before you sod, seed or fertilize

By Don Young
Special to the News Leader

Preparing your yard for seeding and fertilizing is relatively simple, but planting sod requires planning and muscle. If the area hasn't been prepared properly, the new sod will die quickly. Sod is quite expensive and residents are encouraged to request only what they need.

Because sod doesn't keep, it should be laid immediately after you get it home. The best plan would be to prepare the area before you pick it up. If there's none available, you can always seed the area.

To prepare an area for sodding, all existing grass must be removed. The ground should then be scarified to a depth of not less than three inches. Sod laid over old grass will not root. If it is not worked in properly, the area could wind up looking worse than it does before you start.

In most cases, seed will do the job. Bermuda grass seed is available at the Self-Help Issue Point in Bldg. 4195, and at the Roads and Grounds Section in Bldg. 3882. Seed will be available for residents and for application in administrative areas of the installation. Seed should be used in open unshaded areas and it should

be spread at a rate of one and a half pounds per 1,000 square feet. The seed must be watered in lightly after it's sown.

Fertilizer also requires special care in its application. If it is not "watered-in" properly, it will burn the grass, possibly doing more damage than good. It should be spread according to instructions on the bag and it should also be "watered-in" properly, usually to a depth of approximately one inch.

To measure how much water you've applied, place any water-proof container, such as a coffee can, in the path of the sprinkler. Relocate the sprinkler when you have one inch of water in the container. Over watering doesn't do your grass any good. All watering is to be done between 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. There are no weekend exceptions to this rule.

Grass seed and fertilizer should be available until approximately June 30. Sod and topsoil will be issued from the Roads and Grounds Section tomorrow morning, until existing supplies are exhausted. It may not be available again this year. Fertilizer will be available again in the fall.

Young handles customer relations for Public Works, he can be reached at 221-5008.



▲Hector Aguilar, U-Do-It Store supervisor, signs back in a weed cutter returned by Staff Sgt. Jose Raymundo, B Company, 147 Medical Logistics Battalion.
▼The U-Do-it Store has lawn and landscape materials such as fertilizer.



►Sol Blocker, materials handler at the U-Do-It Store, stocks fire ant bait for housing residents who may have a fire ant problem in their lawn.

▼U-Do-It Store worker Willie Wilson lines up a selection of lawnmowers available for housing residents to maintain their lawns. The U-Do-It Store also has riding mowers and commercial mowers for unit areas.



Non-medical attendant now authorized travel reimbursement

Effective when accompanying TRICARE Prime patients for specialty care

The fiscal year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act signed into law by President Bush on December 28, 2001, authorizes travel orders and reimbursement for one non-medical attendant to accompany a non-active duty TRICARE Prime patient referred for medically necessary specialty care more than 100 miles from the patient's primary care manager location. The non-medical attendant travel benefit was implemented April 1, 2002, and will be retroactive to December 28, 2001.

The non-medical attendant



must be a parent or guardian of the traveling non-active duty TRICARE Prime patient. The non-medical attendant may also be another adult who is a member of the patient's family. The parent or guardian is not required to be age 21, but if the non-medical attendant is not the parent or guardian, he or she must be age 21 or older. The

military treatment facility or lead agent office, in coordination with the TRICARE Prime patient's primary care manager, is responsible for determining if the requirement for a non-medical attendant exists and issuing the appropriate travel orders.

If the non-medical attendant parent, guardian, or adult family member is an active duty member, or a Department of Defense civilian employee, he or she is entitled to temporary duty allowances (per diem and mileage), not actual expenses. If the non-medical attendant

parent, guardian, or adult family member is a civilian not affiliated or employed with DoD, he or she is authorized reimbursement of actual travel expenses up to the government rate. Actual expenses for gas; oil; highway, bridge and tunnel tolls; and parking fees are authorized up to the government rate for transportation. Non-medical attendants also are authorized reimbursement (within limits) for other expenses related to travel such as lodging (including taxes and service charges) and the cost of meals (including taxes and tips,

but not including alcoholic beverages).

Beneficiaries with questions about the Prime travel benefit and the new non-medical attendant entitlement, should contact their local military treatment facility or lead agent travel representatives or beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator for assistance. Telephone numbers and addresses for BCACs are available on the TRICARE web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/BCACDirectory.htm>

Army hospitals convert to new Pap smear technologies

By Rick Sonntag
Special to the News Leader

Female beneficiaries of Army health care will soon benefit from the newest, most effective technologies in the battle against cervical cancer.

The U.S. Army was the first military service to implement a worldwide conversion to liquid-based cytology (LBC) for cervical cancer screening and is now adding use HPV (human papillomavirus DNA) testing, to help clarify inconclusive results. The two tests, known by their commercial names of ThinPrep and Hybrid Capture 2, can be done in one simple procedure. They are being implemented in 19 of the Army Medical Command's medical treatment facilities, where Pap smears are currently processed. These include eight major medical centers and 11 Army community hospitals in the United States, Europe, and Korea. Army officials emphasized that patients using smaller facilities, which send their tests to one of the 19 processing centers, also have access to this new technology.

Provider and pathologist training for the new Pap smear has already been completed at most of the facilities. The training for the HPV test will be initiated within the next few weeks. The Army's medical facilities should have a 100 percent conversion to the new technology by the end of May 2002.

"All of our cervical cancer screening in the Army has been converted to the liquid based cytology test," said Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, Army Surgeon General. "We are committed to providing the best health care available to all of our beneficiaries and this is a giant step forward in providing the best care in the world for our female patients."

"The ThinPrep Pap Test and HPV testing are being widely adopted in civilian medical institutions and, after a careful review of existing technologies, we believe that these tests offer significant benefits for military personnel and their family

members," said Peake.

In the clinic, Pap smear samples normally are smeared on a glass slide and studied under a microscope to discover abnormal cervical cells. The cytologist must look for cells in a haze of other material, and sometimes the smear is too thick to be accurately interpreted. In the ThinPrep process, the sample is suspended in a solution, then a filter rotates through the cell suspension, separating cells from blood, mucus and inflammation. The cells then are collected on the filter and deposited on the microscope slide, producing a much clearer view with obscuring elements removed.

Published studies have shown that liquid-based cytology greatly increases the number of Pap smear samples that are usable on the initial tests, and reduces screening errors by as much as 50 percent. LBC is currently used in about 35 percent of the 50 million Pap smears performed in the United States annually. The Army will be at 100 percent LBC testing.

"This new technology will be a great convenience for the patient and enhance productivity in our OB/GYN clinics," said Peake, "because we won't have to call patients in for additional smears. That first sample can now be follow-up tested for HPV DNA. A positive test will indicate that we have to manage that patient closely, while patients with negative tests can return to a normal screening schedule."

In the past, some 2 million Pap smears a year have produced unclear results, known as ASCUS (Atypical Squamous Cells of Undetermined Significance), resulting in additional testing or invasive procedures. The new procedures can mean fewer repeat patient appointments and lower overall costs.

According to the World Health Organization and the National Institutes of Health, HPV is the cause of virtually all cervical cancer. Studies have clearly confirmed a strong, causal link between HPV and cervical cancer that is independent from other risk factors. A study published in

the *Journal of Pathology* (Aug. 19, 1999) documents that HPV is present in almost all cervical cancer (99.7 percent). Furthermore, a study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (November 1999) confirmed that persistent HPV infection causes cervical cancer and the test for HPV can predict the risk of cervical cancer among women with normal Pap smears.

"Having HPV doesn't mean a women will definitely get cervical cancer," cautioned Lt. Col. Jay Carlson, OB/GYN consultant to the Army Surgeon General. "There are nearly 100 different types of HPV. Twenty-three of these are present in the

genital tract with only 13 key types associated with cancer and considered 'high risk'. Persistent infection with these types of HPV is required for cervical cancer to develop," said Carlson.

Carlson pointed out that clinical trials by the National Cancer Institute show that HPV testing is the most effective way to manage women who are diagnosed with mild abnormalities following their routine Pap smear.

Studies show that the sensitivity of HPV testing for the detection of high-grade disease and cervical cancer was 96 percent, compared with only 85 percent sensitivity for a repeat

ThinPrep Pap smear or only 65 percent with a repeat conventional Pap smear.

ThinPrep and the Hybrid Capture 2 HPV DNA Test are both approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

"The Army, with its inherent worldwide missions, frequent deployments, young and highly mobile population, requires a screening tool that is reliable, timely and accurate," Peake said. "The rewards of more accurate Pap smear analysis will be more opportunities to intervene in the early stages of pre-cancer or cancer, less patient anxiety, more convenience for patients and cost savings."

Health Promotion Center April Class Schedule

Class	Date	Time
Weight Management - Session 1	11	8:30 to 10 a.m.
Self Care and Health	11	9 to 11 a. m.
Aerobics	11	11 a.m. to noon
Asthma Part 1	15	1 to 3 p. m.
Arthritis	16	9:30 to 11 a. m.
Aerobics	16	11 a.m. to noon
Diabetes Education	16	12:45 to 4 p. m.
High Blood Pressure	17	9 a.m. to noon
Office Yoga	17	Noon to 1 p. m.
Aerobics	18	11 a.m. to noon
Back Pain	18	2 to 3:30 p. m.
Body Fat Testing	19	8 to 11 a. m.
Cholesterol and Lipids	22	9 to 11:30 a. m.
Aerobics	23	11 a.m. to noon
Diabetes Education	23	12:45 to 4 p. m.
Office Yoga	24	Noon to 1 p. m.
Osteoporosis	24	6 to 7 p. m.
Aerobics	25	11 a.m. to noon
Self Care and Health	25	1 to 3 p. m.
Tobacco Cessation "Readiness to Change"	25	2 to 4 p. m.
Breast Health	26	11 a.m. to noon
Weight Management - Session 1	29	1 to 2:30 p. m.
Aerobics	30	11 to noon
Diabetes Education	30	12:45 to 4 p. m.

Call the Health Promotion Center at 916-3352/5538 to register for all classes, except Diabetes Education, Back Pain, and Weight Management. To register for Diabetes Education call the Internal Medicine Clinic at 916-0840 (even if you are in Tricare Prime), select Option 2. To register for Back Pain call Physical Therapy at 916-1920. To register for Weight Management call Nutrition Care Division at 916-5525.

Recreation and Fitness News

Active duty soldiers wanted – Join the staff at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and outdoor pool as a lifeguard this summer at Fort Sam Houston. All active duty soldiers who take the lifeguard class and work as a NAF lifeguard will be eligible for 50 percent off the price of the class. Call 221-1234/3185 for more information.

Lifeguard Classes -The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center will offer Lifeguard Classes April 22 and May 13. The fee is \$140. Call 221-1234 for more information.

Water Safety Instructor Class - The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center is offering Water Safety Instructor Class on May 6, the fee is \$150. Call 221-1234 for more information.

Get into shape for the summer - Sign up now for the “60 Days of Fitness” program at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The program promises to help participants lose 15 pounds in 60 days. Call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234 for more information.

Scuba Diving - Join an exciting underwater adventure and get your PADI and NAUI certification. The next class is scheduled to start April 15 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. All Scuba gear is furnished. Classes will run two to three weeks and cost \$190 per participant. Call 221-1234 or 658-7495 for more information.

Women’s Varsity Softball - Players are still needed for the women’s softball team. If you are interested in playing, call Earl Young at 221-1180.

Fiesta Kid’s Mini Marathon - Get ready to run in the Fiesta 5k/10k and Kid’s Mini Marathon Saturday, April 20. The run/walk will get under way at 8 a.m. at the Old Post Headquarters, across the street from the flagpole on Stanley Road. Registration is \$15

before April 17 and \$20 after. Call 221-3185 for more information.

Free Nutrition Classes - Visit the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center’s Fitness for Your Health Office for free nutrition classes on the following dates: April 17 from 5 to 6 p.m. Classes will be taught by Capt. Karin Davidson, Registered Dietician. For more information, call Lucian Kimble 221-2020 or 221-1234.

Post-wide Garage Sale - PCS-ing? Get rid of some junk or find some new treasures at the Post-Wide Garage Saturday, May 4 in the parking lot of the Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg. 2797, Stanley Road. All garage sale participants on and off post will be required to set up and sell from the parking lot. For registration and information, call 221-2926 or 2307.

Get Your Vehicle Ready for spring - The hot weather is around the corner. Have your AC serviced at the Fort Sam Auto Craft Shop. Call 224-7046 for more information.

Military Family Appreciation Nights - General Mills is saying “Thank You” by offering free tickets to the Missions Baseball Games, which will be held on April 17, June 11 and August 21. Coupons for these games will be available at Carlson Wagonlit Travel one week prior to each event. These coupons are to be redeemed the Nelson Wolff Stadium for actual tickets. Call 221-2926 or 221-2307 to reserve yours today.

New Fitness Clubs - The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center is proud to announce several new fitness clubs. Get fit with the Bicycle Club, Walk for Lunch Bunch, Stairmaster Club and the Bench Press Club. To join these clubs, visit the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center information desk and fill out an application, or call Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

FSH students face state assessment tests

Fort Sam Houston ISD students will join students around the state in participating in either the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) or the State-Developed Alternative Assessment (SDAA) this month. Both programs measure academic skill improvement and assess student achievement in reading, writing, and mathematics.

“These tests are an important evaluation of students’ academic skills,” stated Gail Siller, Associate Superintendent and district testing coordinator. “Parents will receive individual reports on their student’s performance as well as a “School Report Card” indicating how well the campus and district as a whole performed.”

“School personnel work very hard to provide a positive testing climate for students at school,” added Siller. “However, we always encourage our students to

eat a well-balanced meal and be rested before the test in order to ensure their best performance.”

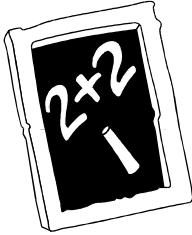
“Additionally, all Texas school districts will participate this spring in field testing for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) which will replace the TAAS program next year,” stated Siller.

All eligible students at a particular grade will take only one subject-area TAKS field test. These tests are generally expected to be completed within a normal class period, but students are allowed as much time as necessary to complete the exam. No individual or group performance reports are generated on field tests.

More info. on exams is available from the campus principals, counselors, or the Texas Education Agency web site at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us>.

Following is a schedule for the TAAS and SDAA administrations:

GRADE	SUBJECT	DATE
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	TAAS & SDAA Mathematics	Tue., April 16
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	TAAS & SDAA Reading	Wed., April 17
8	TAAS Social Studies	Thu., April 18
8	TAAS Science	Fri., April 19



Following is the TAKS Field Test Schedule:

GRADE	SUBJECT	DATE
3	Reading	Thu., May 2
4	Reading	Thu., May 2
5	Science	Thu., May 2
6	Reading	Thu., May 2
7	Reading	Tue., April 30
8	Soc. Studies	Tue., April 30
9	Reading	Tue., April 23
10	English Language Arts	Wed., April 24
		Thu., April 25
11	English Language Arts	Wed., April 24
		Thu., April 25

Fort Freebies

All Freebies are published on a first come, first serve basis. Commercial advertisements are prohibited. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended solely for personal household goods and privately owned property, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve component military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. To submit paid classified ads or commercial advertising, contact Prime Time at 453-3300. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail it to: news.leader@amedd.army.mil or fax it to 221-1198. Ensure your military/Fort Sam Houston civil service status, phone number and name appears on request.



For Sale: Thirty-six inch gas range with 5th burner/optional griddle, three years old, \$200. Call 804-1299.

For Sale: 4 Kleber all-weather tires/rims, P185/65R15 five-hole rims, fit SAAB Call: 210-860-3684.

For Sale: Four 14" Mags and tires (P235) Fit Ford Ranger: Complete set \$200. Call (210) 566-6730.

For Sale: 2000 Harley Davidson Sportster 883 Hugger, 2195 miles. Black, chrome spoke wheels, Screamin' Eagle pipes. \$6,800. Call Willie at 286-3525.

For Sale: 64" Phillips/Magnavox big screen TV, two-year maintenance, \$2,500. 2000 Ford Ranger XLT S-cab truck, 6 cyl., 3.0L engine, 16K miles with Ford Roadside maintenance till 36K miles, \$12,500. Call 846-1054.

For Sale: Two girls bedroom sets, white Formica, \$1,200 for both or \$600/\$700 each, dresser, \$20, matching dressers \$50 each or both for \$80, small dresser, \$15, Little Tykes play gym and boat sandbox, \$50/\$25, girl's scooters (2), \$30 each or both for \$50, car luggage carrier, \$75. Call 657-7433.

For Sale: Sleeper sofa and love seat, beige, \$700, blue recliner, needs repair \$50, matching glass top tables two end tables, square coffee table, sofa table - all for \$150, white wicker set, two-seater love seat, two chairs and table, \$75, metal four drawer filing cabinet, \$25. Call 657-7433.

For Sale: Queen-sized sleeper sofa , matching loveseat, \$300. Call evenings at 653-3794.

For Sale: Kenmore refrigerator/freezer with icemaker, 17.7 cu.ft, frostfree, almond, \$90. Oak sewing machine cabinet, fold out top, drawers, great storage, \$70. Call 545-4102.

For Sale: 1994 Ford Ranger Ext. Cab Pick up, 130,400 miles, Burgundy exterior. Grey interior, 5-Speed, 4 cyl., AM/FM cassette, excellent gas saving, \$4,500 firm. Call (830)-914-2698.

For Sale: Saturn manufactured home, 3 years old, four bedrooms, two baths, formal dining, 2,060 sq. ft. on 2 acres. Perfect for horses or other farm animals, no restrictions. Also has large metal garage 30 ft. by 40 ft., great for RV or tractor, 30 AMP hook up. House is located in Marion/Seguin area, Marion ISD. Close to Randolph AFB, \$95,000. Call for appointment at (830) 914-2698.

For Sale: Rattan dining table with four chairs, smoke glass top \$90 obo. Entertainment center, black lacquer, glass door, holds a 27" TV, like new, \$95 obo. Amana Microwave, 1,500 Watts, chrome front, top of the line \$95. Double pedestal desk with leather top, 7 drawers, \$75. Kitchen dining chairs (2) armless, casters, beige vinyl, new, both for \$85. Call (210) 696-9962.

For Sale: 1996 Nissan Altima GXE, AC, auto windows, AM/FM cassette/CD stereo, five speed manual transmission, one owner, in excellent condition, \$5,100 obo. Call 656-7126.

For Sale: House located at 4203 Misty Springs, 1,500 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, large fenced yard. Ten minutes from Fort Sam Houston or Randolph Air Force Base, \$68,000. Call for appointment at (210) 661-2447 or 916-5379.

For Rent: House at 4403 First View, off Perrin Beitel, near main Post Office, three bed, one bath, one car garage, family room, living room, kitchen/dining area, fenced backyard. Application required. \$675 a month, deposits. Call (210) 490-8786.

For Rent: Two-story house, 3,288 Sq. Ft., four bed, two car garage, large game room, 2.5 baths, pool, hot tub, all appliances, DishNetwork ready, and much more, \$1,475 per month. Call 657-7433.

¿Que Pasa?



Community events

Asian Pacific Islander Luncheon tickets on sale now

Asian Pacific Islander Luncheon, May 1, NCO Club, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. Tickets for Asian Pacific opening ceremony luncheon are now on sale. For tickets call the Equal Employment Office at 221-0431.

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Luncheon, April 13

The San Antonio Chapter, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, will hold a luncheon April 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Quarry Golf Clubhouse. Students sponsored by the chapter who attended the Freedoms Foundation Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference will be the special guests. Cost is \$15.50. For information call Col. Richard Eueyer at 826-3806.

OCSC Luncheon, April 16

The OCSC Luncheon will be held April 16 at 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club. The guest speaker is Richard Harder, who will share "Creativity with a Twist". Bring homemade, baked, bought or grown items to donate for an auction, which will begin at 11 a.m. For information, call Brenda Hebron at 444-0259 or Karen Cole at 499-1047.

Army Medical Specialist Corps celebrates 55th anniversary, April 16

Celebrate the 55th anniversary of the Army Medical Specialist Corps, April 16, 3 p.m., Blesse Auditorium. Refreshments will be served in the courtyard following ceremony.

S.A. Retired Officers Association Catfish Fry, April 17

Retired officers are invited to the San Antonio Retired Officers' Association Catfish Fry beginning at 4:30 p.m. on April 17 at Eberle Park, Randolph AFB. The Alamo Line Dancers will perform. Cost is \$10. For reservations call 228-9955.

Mikhail Gorbachev to speaker at Trinity University, April 17

Mikhail Gorbachev, leader of the Soviet Union from 1985 to 1991, will speak at Trinity University's Laurie Auditorium on April 17. The event is free, and open to the public, no tickets are required. Doors open to the public at 6:45 p.m.

Vikki Carr and San Antonio Symphony Pops Concert, April 19, 20

A Pops Concert featuring Vikki Carr and the San Antonio Symphony, David Mairs, conductor, will be held April 19 and 20 at the Majestic Theatre, 224 East Houston Street. Tickets range from \$16 to \$58 and may be purchased at the box office, 554-1010 or Ticketmaster 224-9600.

Tuskegee Airman, Inc. to sponsor Golf tournament, April 19

The San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airman, Inc. will sponsor the 6th Annual "Legends & Heroes Golf Classic" on April 19 at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Course. Registration will begin at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Format will be four-person Florida Scramble, using USGA rules. Cost per entry is \$60 and includes green and cart fees, range balls and dinner. Proceeds will benefit the TAI Scholarship Fund. For information or to register, call Oliver Nelson, 658-4733 or Tim Barfield, 652-3285.

Cash and carry sale of Non-appropriated Funds property, April 24

DoD ID cardholders make plans to attend the NAF property on sale April 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bldg. 4191. Cash and checks with picture identification accepted for payment. All sales are final. Property sold "as is, where is." Items available for sale include used refrigerators, used microwave ovens, used televisions, used curtains, used bed spreads, used carpet tile, used lamps with shades, used tents, used desk chairs, used computer with monitor and keyboard, used lounge easy chairs and more. For more information or directions, please call the MWR Warehouse at 221-4449 or 221-4950.

15th Annual Bowie Street Blues Concert, April 28

The Institute of Texan Cultures will hold the 15th Annual Bowie Street Blues Concert April 28 from noon to 7 p.m. The concert will feature the best blues artists, traditional and contemporary that Texas has to offer. The Institute of Texas Cultures is located at 801 Bowie Street, San Antonio. Food and beverages will be sold. No ice chests or pets allowed on grounds. For information call (210) 458-2300

Fort Sam Houston Post-Wide Garage Sale, May 4

Make plans to attend the post-wide Garage Sale, May 4, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center parking lot, Bldg. 2797 Stanley Road. DoD ID cardholders are invited to display goods for sale. Also on-post residents will not be permitted to sell from their yards/homes. Participants will set up in the parking lot across from the Roadrunner Community Center, using their own tables. Tables are available for rent at the Outdoor Equipment Center, 221-5224 or 221-5225. Registration required by May 2. For information call Emily Freeman 221-2926 or 221-2523.

Community Awareness Fair, May 4

The Ella Austin Community Center located at 1023 N. Pine St., will host the Third Annual Community Awareness Fair will be held on May 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of social service agencies and organizations will be available to the public. For information call Ray Teveni or Veronica Gonzales at (210) 224-2351.

The University of the Incarnate Word 1st Annual Freedom Run, May 4

A Freedom Run will be held at the University of the Incarnate Word on May 4 at 8 a.m. Pre-registration will be held from 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. on April 29-May 3 in the UIW Wellness Center. Pre-registration fees are as follows: individuals- \$12, students, employees, alumni, and sponsors- \$4, and for a family or team of four \$38. Race day fees are individuals \$15, and \$40 for a family or team of four. For registration information, call 829-6001. Proceeds benefit the S.A. Education Partnership Endowment Foundation, the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund, and the Endowed Scholarship Fund at the university.

Volunteers needed

BAMC needs Partner in Healing volunteers

BAMC seeks volunteers to provide in-house patient transport. Nurses rely on the patient transport program to stay on the wards and focus on quality patient care. Join the kind and dedicated team of volunteers who provide this important service to the patients. Call 916-5083 to become a BAMC Partner in Healing.

In the classroom

Transition Service Briefing, April 16

Soldiers whose Date Initially Entered Military Service is on or after August 1, 1986, should attend a briefing on the Career Status Bonus, Reduced Retirement Plan and Thrift Savings Plan. Transition Services offers monthly briefings in Bldg. 2267 at 9 a.m. on the following dates: Apr 16, May 14, June 11, July 16, Aug. 13 and Sept. 17, 2002. To attend a briefing or obtain more information, call 221-2467 or 221-0936.

Seminar for Office Professionals, April 22

Celebrate National Secretaries' Day and join the seminar for office professionals April 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Old San Francisco Steak House Crystal Room, 10223 Sahara. Cost is \$85 Government credit cards accepted. To register, call (210) 520-3055 or e-mail susan78238@aol.com.

Fiesta 2002

Fiesta 2002 Parade seats available now

Make plans now to attend the Fiesta 2002 Battle of Flowers Parade on April 26. The Cole High School Cougar Band will be marching in this parade. Tickets are also available for the Fiesta Flamebeau (night) Parade on April 28. Seats are \$7 and are located along the 100 block of East Commerce Street between Soledad and St. Mary's streets. For information call Robyn Meiling at 281-9178.

S. A. State School's Country & Western Gala, April 19

Dinner, dance and live auction at the Jersey Lilly Hospital-ity Center located at Pearl Brewery, 312 Pearl Parkway. Dinner 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance music by Charlie Castleman "Bimbo & Borderline" 8 p.m. to midnight. Silent auction bids start at 7 p.m. Live auction bids start at 10 p.m. Cost is \$15. For information call Orlando Cisneros at (210) 885-4606 or Roger Rubio at 691-8936 or Lucia or Grace at 531-3728. Event benefits persons with mental retardation who live at the S.A. State School.

18th Annual Fiesta de Tejas, April 19

A fun family event, Fiesta de Tejas is held at the Health Science Center, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, April 19, 3 p.m. to midnight. Bring a new child's book and get \$1 off adult ticket. Presale tickets \$6, at the gate \$8, children 6 and under free, adults 65 and older free, and military discounts with military I.D.

S.A. State School's Family Fun Fiesta, April 20

Check out the craft bazaar, rummage sale, entertainment and food booths at the San Antonio State School Family Fun Fiesta, 6711 South New Braunfels, April 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event is free and the public is invited. For information call Lucia or Grace at 531-3728. Event benefits persons with mental retardation who live at the S.A. State School.

6th Annual Kiss Krawfish Festival, April 28

The Sunken Garden Theatre is the place to be for this event, noon to 10 p.m. Crawfish straight out of Louisiana along with a wide variety of foods, entertainment and more. Presale tickets \$10, at the gate \$12. Event is sponsored by 99.5 Kiss Radio and benefits Boysville.

21st Annual Caminada de Fiesta 10K Volksmarch, April 20

The walk begins at 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Army Medical Museum. This Fiesta walk is a European-style Volksmarch through historic Fort Sam Houston and the San Antonio Botanical Garden. Walk the 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) route and enjoy a bit of the Army Post's history and the beauty of the Botanical Garden along the way. The Caminada de Fiesta is sanctioned by the AVA/IVV Volksmarch.

Otras Cosas

USO free income tax service through April 13

The San Antonio USO is offering free income tax preparation assistance for active duty military personnel every Saturday through April 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. Appointments made be made by calling 227-9373. The USO Center is located at 420 East Commerce Street, downtown San Antonio.